

REMARKS

Claims 17-65 are pending in this patent application. Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated January 22, 2007, Applicant elects/restricts as follows:

Species I: Guide Catheter: D. Figures 20, 21

Species II: Original Catheter: 5. Figure 22

Subspecies: Locking system: aa. Figure 6

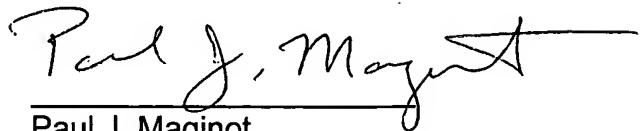
All pending claims 17-65 are readable on the combination of the above-identified combination of species I (i.e. D), species II (i.e. 5), and subspecies (i.e. aa).

It should be noted that Applicant's invention, defined by the pending claims 17-65, is supported by, among others, the embodiment of Applicant's patent application shown in Figs. 20-22, and described at page 47, line 1 through page 54, line 2. All of claims 17-65 are supported by this disclosure. For example, the following claim elements are supported by the following disclosed elements in the text and drawings of the patent application.

<u>Claim Element</u>	<u>Component/Reference Number</u>	<u>Relevant Figures</u>
guide catheter	402	20, 21
second catheter	404, 406	20, 22
tissue ingrowth member	416	20, 21
first locking component	418	21, 20
second locking component	420	22, 20

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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